



The nine-acre Plimpton Press property off Lenox Street is being eyed for what is currently planned as a 311-unit rental apartment complex under the state's Chapter 40R Smart Growth Overlay Law. Waltham-based Criterion Development Partners met with town officials last week to discuss the project.

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The Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce is looking to include commercial buildings in the area around Vanderbilt Avenue into a new Neponset River Business Park, which would feature mixed-use retail and walking trails along the river.

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Area eyed for new business park

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

Vanderbilt Avenue through a combination of zoning, marketing and signage and pedestrian improvements.

Local merchants are partnering with a Boston firm in hopes of transforming a little-used piece of open space in Norwood into a critical component of a new proposed business park, which seeks to utilize mixed-use elements to help enhance prime commercial real estate space along Route 1.

Cecil said the intent is to create an attractive business park, which would take advantage of the existing open space along the Neponset River and provide increased pedestrian access.

Speaking before the Planning Board last week, Steven Cecil, president of Boston-based The Cecil Group, outlined plans to enhance the existing commercial properties on and around

"There are some really attractive spaces back there. The town should step up and say 'We want this to be a high-quality area,'" said Cecil.

Cecil said his firm has been

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New housing project eyed for Plimpton Press

300-unit redevelopment would reconnect Lenox Street

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

Town officials are responding to yet another proposed large-scale rental housing complex in Norwood, although this one is being met with a slightly better response and could be more beneficial to the town.

During an informal meeting at Town Hall last Thursday night, Selectmen Allan Howard

and Helen Abdallah Donohue, along with Town Planner Steve Costello, met with developer Criterion Development Partners of Waltham to discuss a proposed 311-unit affordable-housing development at the old Plimpton Press property, a nine-acre parcel off Lenox Street.

Howard said the development is very preliminary at this point, but the developer is looking to file the project under the

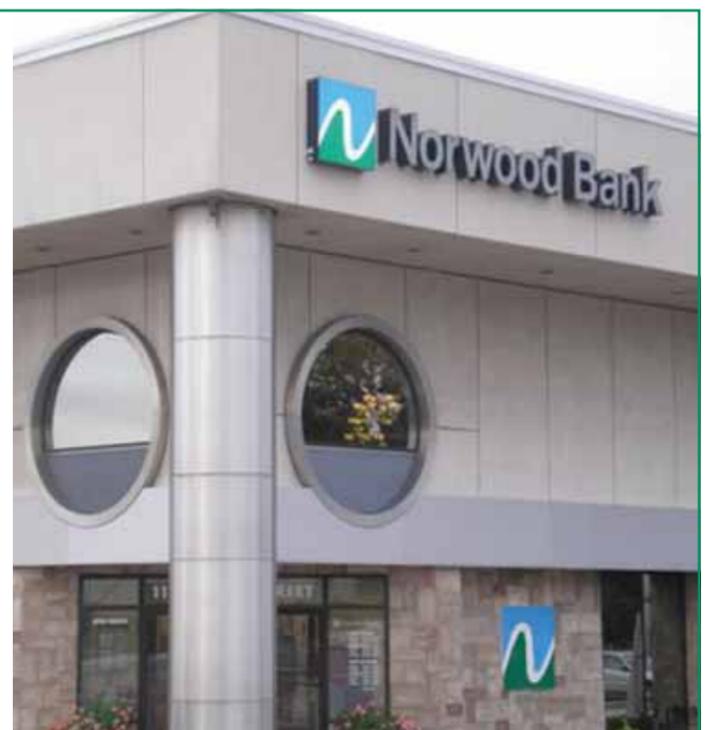
state's Chapter 40R Smart Growth Zoning Overlay District Act of 2004, which "seeks to substantially increase the supply of housing and decrease its cost, by increasing the amount of land zoned for dense housing," according to the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development website.

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ZBA pitched proposed plan for Norwood Hospital

Jennifer Bray
Staff Reporter

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) listened to a host of people and a long list of improvements that Norwood Hospital is seeking approval for on

Tuesday night. Steward Health Care, which owns Norwood Hospital, has plans to build a 30,000 square-foot medical office building across the street on Broadway. This structure would create offices for doctors and include

underground parking. The proposals for expansion also includes a fourth-floor addition to the Lorusso Building, a new three-story accessory parking garage, expanded lobby space and converting some of the existing patient rooms that house three-four people to single patient rooms.

Norwood Hospital revealed their expansion plans to the Selectmen last summer and is seeking a special permit for the new construction.

"In 1998 when I first came on board, the community wanted a new emergency room and we accomplished that, now the community is asking for more private patient rooms and we hope to expand on that," said William Fleming, the Senior Vice President of Operations for Norwood Hospital.

Norwood Hospital is a 263-bed hospital that offers emergency room services, a birthing center, an in-patient psychiatric center and a robotic-surgery center to name just a few of its services.

"There are a lot of social and economic benefits to the town," said Philip H. Macchi, the attorney handling the permit request for Norwood Hospital.



This rendering shows proposed plans for Norwood Hospital from East Hoyle Street.

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He added the project would generate additional property, revenue, excise and impact fees.

In addition to creating a better flow of traffic, there would be more landscaping to green up the campus, said Macchi.

A traffic study and impact assessment was done to see how much traffic the hospital generates, said Robert Michaud, with MDM Transportation Consultants.

"We want to de-emphasize the use of Washington Street parking to the core of the campus," said Michaud. "There is an inherent benefit to reducing traffic on Washington Street."

In addition to the new proposed parking garage there would be a 10-15 percent reserve at any given time for hospital parking, Michaud said.

Fred Mayor, with the Washington Court Condos, which is behind the hospital talked about his concerns regarding flooding.

"We have gigantic drainage problems," Mayor explained. He added that's because the back of the lot drops off. "We've had water in the base-

ment," Mayor said. He questioned if the new project would create more drainage problems.

Joe Geller, with Steffian Bradley Architects, which would handle the project, noted that that the proposed construction would have the water heading away from the Washington Court Condos.

Macchi said there would be the net benefit of an estimated 200 new employees working at the new medical office building. Norwood Hospital currently employees about 900 full-time employees, according to Macchi.

The construction period would bring roughly one thousand temporary workers to the Norwood Hospital campus. The estimated completion date for construction is November of 2015.

"While we've had a complete presentation, given the sheer volume of material presented, I recommend we take the matter under advisement until the next meeting, which is March 5th and then act on the matter," said Philip Riley, the ZBA Chairman.

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Cable Commission prepares for new Comcast license talks

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

With the town's contract with Comcast due to expire early next year, the Norwood Cable Commission is already beginning to look at ways in which it can improve service with the cable provider in the next round of contract negotiations.

Richard Shay, chairman of the Cable Commission, talked about some of these potential cable-service upgrades with the Board of Selectmen during a public ascertainment hearing Tuesday night.

Shay said the public hearing is an initial required step as part of the license-renewal process to give the town an opportunity to review Comcast's performance in the old contract.

Comcast is one of three cable providers in Norwood, along with Verizon and Norwood Light and Broadband. Comcast's license expires next February.

"This is the beginning of the renewal process with Comcast. The actual negotiations take place after this hearing," said Shay.

Among the things the Cable Commission will look to upgrade is some of the old analog equipment Comcast is currently using in Norwood.

Jack Tolman, station manager at Norwood Public Access Television (NPA-TV), said there have been three reports this year of Comcast subscribers losing feed to NPA-TV programs.

"It will continue to work, however due to the age of the system this will continue to be a problem. It's a 25-year-old analog system," said Tolman. "A new connection using new technology would be much better and would not fail as frequently." However, replacing the equipment can be a challenge because it's difficult to track who actually owns which pieces of equipment, said Frank Foss, senior manager of government and community relations at

Comcast.

"It's a mishmash of different ownerships. Some of the equipment that's failed has been from the hub on our end and some has come from the [NPA-TV] studio," said Foss. "[But] we own most of the equipment and are responsible for maintaining it. That's something we'll certainly discuss."

Another thing in the new contract will be funding that Comcast provides for NPA-TV to operate the town's public-access stations. NPA-TV President Scott Murphy said his company originally got \$150,000 from each of the three cable providers as part of the contract agreement to invest in upfront capital costs, and also receives five percent of the annual revenue from cable subscribers to pay its staff and update equipment.

As part of its recent contract renewal, Norwood Light and Broadband agreed to spread its \$150,000 payment to NPA-TV out over the length of the new 10-year deal, something Murphy said they will also be looking to have Comcast agree to. Murphy said funding from the cable providers and support from the town has allowed NPA-TV to grow and increase what it can offer to Norwood residents.

Capital projects

At the request of Selectman Bill Plasko, the board also took votes on various capital projects from town departments being proposed for the fiscal year 2014 budget.

The board first voted unanimously to support Plasko's motion to remove a \$50,000 appropriation earmarked for the Sta-

bilization Fund. Plasko argued the town already appropriated \$1.5 million from free cash into that account at the Special Town Meeting in November, adding that the \$50,000 could be better spent on capital requests.

Additionally, Town Clerk and Accountant Bob Thornton has informed the board there will be \$90,000 in additional funding for general government, which Plasko also wanted to put toward smaller capital items to avoid borrowing the funds.

He motioned, and the board approved, recommending allocating \$50,000 of that total for replacement of 55 air-pack bottles for the Fire Department and \$56,000 for system-wide upgrades to the electronic door locks as recommended by the School Committee.

The Selectmen also supported DPW Director Mark Ryan's request of \$457,000 for new equipment, including \$370,000 for a new sewer vehicle, and Recreation Director Jerry Miller's request of \$395,000 for upgrades to school fields.

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OPINION

Just a few thoughts...

No matter what it takes, Norwood officials and residents need to find a way to add more security to Norwood schools. This isn't to imply that what is present now is insufficient or less than neighboring towns or that Norwood poses a higher risk than other places. And it is unlikely that any added security measures will keep someone out hell bent on getting in and wreaking havoc. All that being understood and appreciated, please just do it...

It is going to be an interesting Candidates Night on March 18th, hosted by the League of Women Voters, given that there are virtually no contested races. It is just hard to believe that everyone in town thinks things are going so well that there is no need for change, or at least a challenge of ideas. And the cliché about everyone being so busy nowadays is just getting old. Why are people busier today than say twenty years ago? There was unemployment and recessions back then too, as well as challenges getting kids educated and keeping them safe. So, what gives? The guess here is that the deep seated animosities between the major political parties and the corresponding lack of progress on anything substantial given the determination to subvert any ideas put forth by the other side, regardless of the merits of the proposals, has soured people on politics in general. And when you add in the constant exposures of corrupted elected and appointed officials, people just consider public service quicksand, and this feeling trickles down all the way to local elections. It's sad because for the most part local politics is devoid of the bitterness and dirty dealings at the state and national levels...

Not sure if this is possible, but it would be interesting if some sort of non-binding referendum question could be placed on Norwood's Town Meeting agenda to determine how strongly residents feel about the removal of the word Christmas from school calendars. Given recent petitions and letters to this newspaper and the School Committee, obviously there is at least a discernable population unhappy with the School Committee's decision to eliminate any reference to one of the holiest Christian days. Should such a question be posed to TM, there would finally be quantitative proof that a majority of residents either approve or disagree with the elimination. No better guidance could be provided to the School Committee for their past or future religious deliberations...

Though well chronicled, the DPW's exemplary handling of snow removal in recent weeks can't be stated enough. Just driving through Norwood and then passing through Westwood is enough for anyone to recognize how much better Norwood's clean up crews are. This town's side streets were cleared faster than Westwood's main roads and the business districts had their sidewalks cleared so fast that merchants suffered negligible interruptions. Add to that the light department's stellar record of maintaining service to its customers and taxpayers should at least recognize that their hard earned dollars aren't being wasted. And why would any residents opt for either Comcast or Verizon when their own Norwood Light and Broadband provides better service at cheaper rates? If you aren't an NLB cable subscriber yet, what are you waiting for? It is one way to both save money and recognize your town's efforts to serve you better...

The proposal for 300 apartments at the old Plimpton Press actually has some merits and shouldn't be confused with the plan for housing at Upland Woods. This deal requires TM approval and any monies needed to increase the schools' capacity to educate the kids is provided by the state, unlike a typical 40b project which skirts virtually all local zoning laws and generates no money from Beacon Hill. Given that whole Plimpton Press area is currently an eyesore and would make traversing that area of Lenox Street easier, this project could be okay...

Another storm for this weekend. Go do your thing, DPW!

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Letters to the Editor

A FEW NOT REPRESENTING THE MANY

To the Editor:
(To the Norwood School Committee)

I would first like to state a few facts. I am not here to bash anybody. I am not anti-Semitic, but I would like you to look at something and let me know why you approved it as printed.

It's the NPS's 2012/13 calendar in the local paper. When I first looked at it, I thought that they must have gotten it mixed up with The Schechter Academy's calendar, because there are a lot of holy days scattered throughout the year. And it really perturbed me not to see "Christmas" on it. And this coming after a recent motion that went before your board, which was dropped because of the lack of a second.

Sad to say, I am not happy that it has become "socially incorrect" to use the word Christmas, which is probably Christendom's greatest Holy Day, and in the secular world, the number one holiday. But why have we shied away and substituted holiday or some other word? Who are we hurting by doing this? I don't think we are hurting anyone. Most people respect others choices and beliefs. Then who is objecting? I believe it's a very small, aggressive and vocal minority.

So, if it's our apathy that's letting others' pro-activeness take over, I find it's time to voice my opinion, and what I hope is also that of many others.

If you feel strongly that the calendar should stand as printed, then I would like to see a "level playing field" so that other groups may add some days of note also. Thank you.

Anne White Scoble
Norwood resident
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DPW RECOGNIZES RESIDENTS

To the Editor:

To my fellow Norwood residents:

On behalf of the entire Public Works Department, I want to publicly thank the residents of Norwood for their patience and understanding with our efforts during the February 8th-9th snow event. We are also grateful for so many kind words that have been passed along to us from you, as a resident, right on up to our Board of Selectmen.

As your Director of Public Works, it was most inspiring to see the dogged determination the men and women of the Public Works exhibited during this sizeable snow event. It is incredible to witness them work

36 hours straight to make sure the roads and sidewalks are safe and passable for our families and businesses. They are true public servants and I am so proud to be one of their co-workers.

While so many kind words were spoken and written about the efforts of the Public Works, we do understand that there were oversights during our operation and that some things can be improved upon. These issues will be addressed. I apologize to everyone who did not receive the treatment they deserve. Finally, I want to express my thanks to General Manager John Carroll, Police Chief Bill Brooks, Fire Chief Tony Greeley, Light Department Superintendent Malcolm McDonald and Superintendent of Schools Jim Hayden for the effective manner in which we all worked together and exhibited to the residents of Norwood that their local government not only operates seamlessly each and every day, but also during an emergency. Again, thanks to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark P. Ryan Director of
Public Works and
Town Engineer

SABER SHOULD GET HER FACTS STRAIGHT

To the Editor:

In her February 7th column, Jackie Saber made claims regarding a voter registration effort and the horrific slaughter in Newtown, CT, which were lacking in factual information.

The political group involved was not one backing Obama, but Elizabeth Warren, and it was not involved with the mailing, as the Department of Transitional Assistance did the mailing. This was done in response to a lawsuit filed against the state for failure to be in compliance with The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the group that filed the lawsuit is headed by Ms. Warren's daughter. According to Alec Loftus, the spokesman for the DTA, the department mailed out 477,000 voter registration forms, of which 19,000 were returned to sender, less than 4%. The mailing list was based on information compiled from 6/11 through 5/12, and Mr. Loftus said that the reasons for

the returns could be: 1.) People had moved out of state. 2.) People no longer receiving benefits. 3.) Moved and left no forwarding address. 4.) Included applicants who were denied benefits.

And yes there can be fraudulent recipients that the forms were mailed to and that the department is investigating. I am waiting for Ms. Saber's column excoriating Big Banks and Wall Street for stealing trillions of dollars from the American taxpayer.

Lt. J. Paul Vance, who is the spokesman for the Connecticut State Police, who are heading the investigation of the horrific slaughter in Newtown, Ct., reported that Adam Lanza, the perp, had a Bushmaster AR-15. All the teachers and children were shot by the Bushmaster and some of the victims were shot eleven times. Also found were two handguns, a Glock and a Sig-Sauer, one of which Lanza used to commit suicide. The above weapons were recovered inside the school and in addition, an Izhmash Xanta 12-12 gauge shot gun was recovered from the trunk of Lanza's car. The Medical Examiner said that all the victims were shot with an assault weapon. I do believe that Lt. Vance reported just the facts.

John Griffin
Norwood

THANK YOU FROM ROTARY CLUB

To the Editor:

In this holiday season the Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary Club set out to ease the burden placed on the organizations that care for our poorest and most desperate citizens. These organizations have been working with these people for many years to help with their most basic needs, food, clothing and shelter.

In this year of our annual clothing drive we set out to make a difference. We knew that we couldn't do this alone. We asked many of our neighbors to help. The response was typical, overwhelming. Our clothing collection site at Dedham Health and Fitness yielded an unprecedented amount of clothing. The vari-

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Town clerk disappointed in lack of election races

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

Norwood's town clerk is echoing the sentiments of the Board of Selectmen in expressing disappointment in the lack of major contested election races this year, although he noted that there is good competition for Town Meeting seats.

Following the Feb. 11 deadline for filing running papers, only one incumbent will face a challenge in the April 1 town election: Brian Graziano will mount a bid to unseat James Perry from his position as constable, a three-year term.

"It is disappointing to not have that competition in the major offices. Competition is good and there doesn't appear to be a lot of that this time around," said Town Clerk Bob Thornton. "The only difference I would add is that for the Town Meeting seats, which is the biggest elected group that we have, there is competition, which is something else to look at here."

Thornton said there are about 72 Town Meeting seats available this year in the town's nine districts, and all but five are going uncontested.

"That has not always been the case. There have been times when we have had open seats and not enough people running," he said.

The Selectmen commented on the election during their meeting last week, with Chairman Michael Lyons saying he would have preferred to face an opponent in his bid for re-election, as it makes for healthy debate and opportunity

for different views to come out. Selectman Paul Bishop added that he didn't like "the path we're going right now." Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue is also running unopposed for re-election.

"My observation, however, has been that whenever there has been controversy, there's never been a lack of people jumping in to join the race out of protest," said Thornton.

While there are no contested races on the School Committee, there will be a new face because Town Meeting voted in 2011 to reduce the committee down to five members and member Eleanor Travers is not seeking re-election. Chairwoman Courtney Rau and John Badger are running unopposed each for three-year terms, and Joseph Montesano has filed to fill out the remaining two years of Susan McQuaid's term, after McQuaid announced her resignation due to personal commitments.

Planning Board Chairman Ernie Paciorkowski is running unopposed to another five-year term, and Al Porro, who was appointed last year following the death of longtime member Bill Bamber, is running for a three-year term.

Phyllis McDonough is running for another five-year term on the Norwood Housing Authority, and John Hayes is running to fill out the remaining two years of the term he took over for the resigning Mary Lou Fitzpatrick last year.

Also running unopposed are Town Moderator David Hern Jr., Library Trustees Su-

san Pipes and Cashman Kerr Prince, Finance Commission members Tom Maloney and Alan Slater and Board of Health member Carolyn Riccardi.

The Norwood League of Women Voters is holding its annual candidates forum on Monday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall at Town Hall.

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ety, from new to used, from shoes to underwear to overcoats was amazing. We were able to help people from kids to adults. We know that we didn't solve the problems of the poor and homeless but it is such a gratifying feeling to know that all of us working together made a difference. So many people placed something in our collection boxes. Although they are nameless their small contributions added up to this tremendous success.

We also received help in the form of money donations from other organizations, such as the Dedham Institution for Savings, Needham Cooperative Bank, Norwood Cooperative Bank, the Dedham Education Association and the Neponset Valley Rotary Club. We also had personal donations from Mike Baldino of Dedham and Pat Balerna of Norwood. In all, we received over \$1,550, more

than ever before. A special thanks to Jerry LaVoie of Dedham Savings. Jerry has approved a donation every year we have run our clothing drive, and in this year we received a substantial increase.

This year we plan on sharing our gifts with Homeless Services of Boston, The Friday Night Supper Program and DOVE. Each organization has its own needs and the money donations help to fulfill them.

In closing we want everyone to know that these organizations and the people who gave something have our deepest appreciation for allowing us to carry on this mission. We are very grateful for their participation and we hope to see you next year.

Jack Hoell, Sergeant at Arms Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary Club



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Special Registration Session

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the April 1, 2013 Annual Town Election.

An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Tuesday, March 12, 2013

from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

This is the **FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION** prior to the Annual Town Election.

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Housing Project *continued from page 1*

"This project is affordable moderate income, and thus far they're talking about one- and two-bedroom apartments, no threes," said Howard. "One of the biggest things for a 40R is that the Board of Selectmen would have to approve it and Town Meeting would have to approve it."

That is different than a Chapter 40B project, which allows the developer to skirt the local permitting process in communities with under 10 percent affordable housing if the project includes 25 percent affordable units. Such a project is being proposed for a parcel of land at Upland Woods, where Braintree-based Campanelli has presented plans for a 296-unit 40B development.

There was a similar meeting on that project at Town Hall last Tuesday night, which Howard and Donohue also attended. Howard said the Campanelli project is further along at this point than Plimpton Press.

"Compared to the other one, this is real early on. This one is just preliminary drawings. Campanelli had further-along drawings," he said.

Campanelli has also filed its project with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP), a nonprofit group that works with the Department of Housing and Community Development to help increase the supply of affordable housing in the Commonwealth.

Donohue said the intent of last week's meeting with

Campanelli was to try to talk them into doing something different on the site, as the opinion among many town boards has been in opposition to having a large-scale 40B development at Upland Woods.

"We were trying to convince them not to it," said Donohue, although she added that it was not successful.

Under the 40B law, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) would be the only local permitting authority for the project. With the Plimpton Press project, the 40R smart-growth overlay district would require a zoning change from Town Meeting.

There are other community benefits with a 40R project, including a state reimbursement for new students. According to the state website, communities are reimbursed for any net cost of educating students living in new housing in a smart-growth district.

"The reimbursement is equal to the cost of educating students living in new housing in a smart-growth district minus the percentage of new revenues from the district that would otherwise be devoted to educational costs and any increase in state educational aid resulting from students living in new housing in the district," the website explains.

Norwood's average cost is \$12,000 or \$13,000 per student, said Howard.

Both Howard and Donohue said that another potential benefit with the project is that the developer is proposing to reopen the portion of Lenox Street that has been closed off for years behind the Norwood Plaza on Nahatan Street.

"They would open Lenox Street all the way through for traffic. That's a big thing because for police and fire, that would give them substantially faster access to South Norwood. We'd have much quicker access," said

Howard.

Plimpton Press, which closed in the 1970s, is currently used as warehouse space. Donohue said the developer is looking to maintain the building with the tower and remodel some of the other buildings on the site as part of the redevelopment. She said the 311-unit count is preliminary at this point.

"That's still being figured out between the buyer and the seller. I hope we'll be able to get that down some," she said.

While saying the project has more potential benefit to the town than the one at Upland Woods, Howard stressed that he is opposed to any more apartments in Norwood.

"If I had my druthers, I want no more apartments in Norwood," he said. "It will take a lot for me to say 'yes' to any apartments. Everybody says over and over that we need something like 570 apartments to get to the 10 percent affordable [to steer clear of future 40B projects]. This is obviously better than 40B. But how do apartments stimulate the downtown area? If Campanelli and this project went through this would give us our 10 percent, but at what cost?"

Meanwhile, one of the outstanding issues with the Campanelli development involves the question of whether residential development would even be allowed on the site. Donohue said Campanelli signed a tax-incentive agreement with the town not long ago to keep the property as a commercial use for 20 years, and the town is arguing that the developer has no right to build the project.

"But they're saying there was a further step that was needed at the state level, and it saved them from being confined to commercial use. That becomes a legal question," said Donohue.

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Sports



The Mustangs faced off against Milton Tuesday night at Bajko Rink in Hyde Park.

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Girls Hockey pulls off stunning comeback

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

If this is how the post season is going to go for the Norwood girls hockey team, then something special could be taking place in about two weeks on the ice of TD Garden.

Last week, the girls continued their march towards the post season when they wrapped up their final full week of games with some thrillers, including one that no one in attendance or on the ice will ever forget.

“We could not have designed our final week of Bay State League play any better,” noted assistant coach Molly Barefoot.

Before that Bay State play, Norwood had one last non-league game against King Phillip on Monday and won 8-2, which was “an excellent full team win,” in the words of Barefoot.

Tuesday the girls then took to the ice to play a rescheduled game against rival Walpole.

After a fluke goal by Walpole to start the scoring, the Mustangs were able to get two goals on shots from the point (Colleen Glaser and Katie O’Brien) to quickly go up 2-1.

The Rebels wouldn’t go away and actually managed to tie it up, later on.

However, as they have all season, Norwood continued to battle. A scramble in front led to Sammy Hayes putting Norwood up 3-2 late in the game, with Kacie Smith adding an insurance goal from the top of the circle to seal the win at 4-2.

Senior nights are always special.

Whether you’ve played every minute or only five, realizing it is your final time on the ice in a regular season game with people you have played with your entire life is an emotional thing.

Last Wednesday was Norwood’s Senior Night, and

what a night it was.

The Mustangs played evenly with Newton North for the first 30 minutes but couldn’t catch a break and went into the 3rd period down 2-0.

It was then magic time, as the girls really stepped it up. Five minutes in, Jenny O’Donnell scored to get Norwood back within one goal.

With one minute left all hell broke loose.

Norwood pulled goalie Sam Baturin and had the extra attacker on the ice. O’Donnell came through again and managed to put another goal home with just nine seconds left to tie the game at 2-2.

Seemingly destined to finish their final home game in a tie, Norwood’s girls then showed the type of right they have as they weren’t done yet.

This year’s squad has been taught, as have previous teams in the past, to play until the final whistle. This time, they did, and it paid off.

Emily Kelly threw a backhand in front of the goalie after a face-off win that somehow made its way into the net to win the game with .8 seconds left, sending the Mustangs and their fans into an absolute frenzy, seemingly saying “anything the Bruins can do, we can do better.”

While the girls still have the Cape Cod Classic to take care of during vacation week, tourney time is coming and brackets will be released on Saturday.

If last week is any indication of what we should expect as the calendar approaches March and the Garden gets bigger in the windshield, this year’s version of the lady Mustangs may have enough of what it takes to do something special for the town of Norwood and its hockey program.

Boys Hockey takes home division championship

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

Admittedly, before this season started, Norwood Boys Hockey fans and even head coach Bill Clifford weren’t sure if the Mustangs were going to be able to repeat as Bay State Herget champs again this season.

A lack of experience a long with a bullseye on their back provided big question marks when the calendar flipped over to January.

However, after a strong final stretch of the season that saw the Mustangs go 4-1 including a huge win over Walpole, Norwood wrapped up it’s season last week as division champions again.

The Mustangs, who were knocked off in heart breaking fashion by Natick last season in the D1 South tournament semi-finals, have set themselves up nicely for another run at a championship when brackets are announced this weekend by the MIAA.

Norwood ends this regular season with a record of 13-5-2 (10-4-2 in BSC play) and 28 points. For the second straight year, the Mustangs have made a statement heading in to the play-

offs. “I’m not really sure what to expect,” said Clifford before the season started. “We had some

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The team huddles up before a recent game.

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Boys Basketball upsets rival Walpole

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

Better late than never.

While it's been a tough season for the Norwood boys basketball team, the effort has always been there.

This past week, the Mustangs wrapped up their 2013 campaign by splitting its final four games (excluding one game on Tuesday as part of the Westwood tournament).

Injuries and the inability to develop a steady rotation cost the Mustangs this season, but here's a look at each of the final four games they played last week, including some big-time performances:

The Mustangs got things kicked off last Tuesday by spoiling their rival Walpole's senior night with a 69-56 victory in the Rebels' home.

Head coach Rich Cormier called it their "best game of the season."

"After a disappointing showing on our senior night, the guys really turned it up a notch and to be able to knock off our rivals in the final meeting of the seniors' careers is something pretty special," he added.

It was a back-and-forth game early on but the Mustangs were able to build a 10-point lead at half and balloon it to 16 after three periods. Charlie Crockett had a monster game with 21 points and 20 rebounds. Dan Flahive and Pat O'Rourke both chipped in with 13 points as well. Chris Bell provided steady leadership at the point all night and Jake Ryan and Rodney Jean-Marie provided stellar defense. Bryan Gearty

chipped in 5 points and a couple of great assists off the bench.

On Thursday night, Norwood took a bit of a step back at Newton North on their senior night. Norwood came out firing and managed to stay with the Tigers for the first two-and-a-half quarters, but then Newton scored 9 straight to pull away. Crockett scored 16 points in the loss.

Norwood then traveled to Westwood to compete against them in their Riley Winter Classic. The Mustangs actually led by three at the half, 23-20, but in what has been one of the stories of their season, could never get it going offensively all night.

If it's not one thing, it's another for this team.

Westwood played great defense and owned the boards on both ends. Killing the Mustangs was also their lack of offense from beyond the arc as they shot 1/18 from the three-point line and 8/16 from the FT line.

Despite the poor shooting Norwood still had a great chance to put themselves back in the game in the fourth quarter but missed the front end of all 3 one-and-ones and shot only 2-for-9 in the 4th quarter from the charity stripe. Dan Flahive was the lone bright spot with 17 points.

Norwood then traveled to Chicopee on President's Day morning to take on Hampden Charter in a makeup game from last Sunday.

The 'Stangs won 72-29 and received contributions



The Mustangs put forth their best performance of the season in a win over Walpole last week.

PHOTO BY KEVIN STONE

from everyone on the team. Flahive was once again the high man with 11 and Brad McIsaac and Rodney Jean-Marie both chipped in with 8 points in the victory.

To cap off the season, almost the entire team (27 players to be exact), were treated to the Basketball Hall of Fame down the road in Springfield and enjoyed a great team outing.

Norwood's final game will be when they take on Wellesley in the consolation

game of the Riley Classic (Tues 2/19) in Westwood, at 5:00 pm.

"I'm proud of the effort so far this season despite all the ups and downs. We are hoping to send the seniors out with one final victory in our third matchup against the Raiders this season," said Cormier.

Sitting at 7-14, at first glance many people will simply shrug and say that this team had an awful season. But for those who are around

the program and have seen them play this season, this was one of the better under .500 teams you could possibly see in any sport. Most importantly, it has been one of the hardest working teams in the entire Bay State conference.

The record is what it is, but people cannot measure effort and heart. The 2013 Norwood basketball team had plenty of it, and should be congratulated for their season-long effort.

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guys leave and we're going to have a pretty big target on our backs trying to defend that Herget title. I think we have a strong team but only time will tell."

Time told alright. It told us that despite some struggles during the season, this Mustangs squad was more than ready to assume the role of repeat champions.

A large part of that run has been standout senior goalie Jordan Davis. Davis finished the regular season with five shut-outs, a ridiculous goals against average of 1.58 (he stopped 395 of the 426 shots he saw) and a save percentage of .927.

No matter how much your team may struggle at times during the season, when you get goaltending like that you will be in every game.

Offensively, Norwood had three members of its teams with double digit goals and 20 or more points.

Junior Jack Sheehan led the team with 30 points (17 goals 13 assists). Senior Rourke Flynn finished with 23 points (11 goals 12 assists) and classmate/captain senior Tyler Gover

rounded out the top scorers with 21 points (6 goals 15 assists).

With the division still in question entering the final week and a half of the season, Norwood's biggest game of the year came in the form of a 4-1 win over rival Walpole on Sunday February 10.

The win moved Norwood into first place in the division and left them needing a win over Newton North (which they got 2-0 on February 13) to clinch the title.

Walpole actually got on the board first in the game and the period ended 1-0.

Things changed quickly though as the second period belonged to Norwood as John Galvin scored to tie the game with assists going to Flynn and

Anthony Delmonico.

Then, with just two seconds left in the second period Flynn found himself on a break away, raced in and scored on a backhander top shelf to put the Mustangs up 2-1 after two.

The biggest key in the period was the fact that Norwood outshot Walpole 14-4 in the frame, establishing dominance and providing a glimpse of things to come in the third period.

The Mustangs added three more goals in the third period to ice things away with ease.

Sheehan started things off in the final stanza when he walked in off the right wing and lit the lamp for a 3-1 lead. A few moments later Gover then teed up a slap shot from the point on a

power play that found its way in for the 4-1 lead.

With just a few minutes remaining and the game clearly in hand O'Rourke then finished the scoring.

Now, the Mustangs must await their tournament fate. Most likely, a top 5 seed will be in order and hopefully a home game. With that home game will come the ability to potentially make yet another run at a state finals appearance at the Garden in a few short weeks.

It hasn't always been pretty this year and there was some doubt early on, but the rest of Massachusetts better not sleep on the 2013 Mustangs, otherwise they may be watching from those yellow seats in the balcony.

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working with the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce, which is headquartered on Vanderbilt Avenue, on devising a proposal for "flex space" zoning to bring to Town Meeting, which would allow mixed uses in some of the buildings. Joining The Cecil Group on the project are AECOM, a global market-consulting firm, and

FXM Associates, an economic planning firm based in Mattapoisett.

The proposal seeks to take advantage of the current trend of commercial tenants seeking smaller spaces and sharing buildings with other kinds of businesses, said Cecil.

"We think there is a growing demand for this type of use.

It's part of the innovative economy, and you want to open your doors to that," said Cecil, noting that one of the buildings in the plan would be 325 River Ridge Drive, which is soon to be vacant with Dedham Medical Associates opening a new building across the street on Route 1. "We think you have real opportunities here to open

this space up. There are some temporary vacancies in there. We have identified some marketing opportunities that could be pursued in the future."

The proposed name of the new business park is the Neponset River Business Park, said Cecil, who added that part of the plan would be to work with the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to pursue a MassWorks or MassDevelopment grant to help fund walking trails and other infrastructure improvements. He said the recreation part of the project could provide a natural connection with some of the existing businesses in the district, such as The Vanderbilt Club, Cathy Savage Fitness Center and Landry's Bicycles.

Pamela McCarthy, Norwood's Community Development Fund coordinator, said town officials are working on drafting a flex-space zoning proposal for the district to bring to Special Town Meeting later

this year, adding that the zoning would be an addition to the existing uses in the zoning by-laws of the town. She said the plan is hopefully to gain support for the proposal with the Economic Development Committee and the Board of Selectmen prior to that time.

The Planning Board was unanimous in supporting the overall plan last week, praising both its commercial benefits and the potential for opening up that part of the Neponset River to pedestrians and canoes.

"I think it's a great idea. I didn't even know the river was back there," said board member Debbie Holmwood.

While state grants such as MassWorks are "highly competitive," Cecil felt the town has a good project that is likely to be looked upon favorably.

"You're well positioned here. The trick is to have a really attractive idea already lined up, and I think we have that," he said, adding, "This isn't the final design by any means."

DEATHS

LAGSDIN

Ann E. (Dennis) of Sharon, Feb. 14, age 74. Late member of the American Legion of Sharon & The VFW Women's Auxiliary of Sharon. Beloved wife of John E. Jr. 51 years. Devoted mother of Ann Maguire & her husband Bob of Abington, John III & his partner Donna Cummings of Norwood, Jim of Stoughton & the late baby Joseph. Cherished sister of Joe Hughes & his wife Linda of Humarock, Walter Dennis & his wife Pat of FL, Jim Dennis & his wife Maureen of NH, Pauline Minot & her husband Don of NH, & the late William & Mary Ramsden. Sister-in-law of Jean Dennis of Mansfield & Bea Zakur of Mansfield, Loving "Grandma" of Kate & Rob Maguire. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews & friends. Funeral arrangements by the Alexander F. Thomas & Sons Funeral Home, Walpole. Interment in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. Please, in lieu of flowers, all donations in Ann's memory can be made to House of Possibilities, 350 Washington St., Easton, MA 02356.

LASZCZAK

Christopher, 60, of Norwood, suddenly on Feb. 16. Born in Boston, he was the son of the late Szymon Laszczak and Helena (Kurdziel). He was the devoted husband of Victoria (Filipek) of Norwood, loving father of Gregory Laszczak and his wife Julie of Whitman and Mathew Laszczak and his wife Shawna of Walpole. Cherished grandfather of Landon and Calleigh Laszczak, dear brother of Thaddeus Laszczak and his wife Patricia of MD, Marian Laszczak of Boston, the late Elizabeth Laszczak, and several nieces and nephews. Christopher was an engineer at Teradyne in Boston and previously at Tyco and Telco in Norwood for many years. He earned a degree at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston and served as a Staff Sergeant of the Massachusetts Army National Guard in the 1970's. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Chris' memory to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312 or at www.diabetes.org.

MADIGAN

Patricia A. (Donnelly) of Norwood, on Feb. 16. Beloved wife of the late James F. Madigan. Mother of James F. Jr. and his wife Evelyn of Taunton,

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MARTIN

Carl "Kenny" of Norwood, on Feb. 7. U. S. Marine Vietnam Veteran. Beloved husband of Marlene M. (Haverty). Devoted father of Amber M. & Kiley J. Martin, both of Norwood. Cherished son of the late Carl K. Sr. & Eleanor F. (Ferreira) Martin. Dear brother of John H. J. K. Martin & his wife Mary Ellen of Weymouth, Mary E. McKunes & her husband Stephen of So. Boston & the late Ruth E. Martin of So. Boston. Brother-in-law of Sharon Pace & her husband Charles of Dorchester. Son-in-law of May I. & the late Charlie Haverty of Norwood. Godfather of Robert Carl Martin of So. Boston, Michael J. O'Keefe of Dorchester & the late Christina Dresser of Boston. Also lovingly survived by numerous nieces & nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Casper Funeral Home, South Boston. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, please bring letters of memories, photo's or favorite song to visiting hours.

RANDALL

Joseph J., 94, of Norwood died on Feb. 12. World War II US Army Air Force Veteran. Retired Engineer for Massport and was a member of the Society of Civil Engineers. He was member of the Norwood K of C, member of the Norwood Zoning Appeals Board for 35 years, former Norwood Town Meeting Member, and was past Chairman for the Democratic Town Committee in Norwood for many years. Beloved husband of late Alice M. (Ohlson) Randall. Devoted father of Suzanne E. Randall of Norwood, Christopher "Barry" Randall and his wife Kristine of Walpole and the late Joseph J. Randall Jr. and Mary Ellen Randall. Cherished grandfather of Gregory, Brandon, Ashley, Andrew, Christopher, Victoria, Matthew, Nicholas and Tayla.

Uncle of Christine Runge of Florida. Son of the late Samuel J. and Anne (Barry)Randall. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial with Military Honors will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Parkinson's Foundation 15 Parkman Street Boston, MA 02114. www.parkinson.org

RODMAN

Gertrude (Regal), formerly of Norwood, MA, on Feb. 10. Beloved wife of the late Melvin Rodman. Devoted mother of Dr. David L. Rodman and his wife Sandra of Norton; Linda J. Crumlin and her husband Irving of Worcester; and Sheila N. Rodman of Falmouth. Dear grandmother of Andrew & Carye Rodman, Marc & Roni Rodman, Adam & Alison Rodman, and Alex & Ethan Crumlin. Proud great-grandmother of Alec, Max, & Savannah Rodman; Evan & Austin Rodman; and Abigail & Aidan Rodman. Loving sister of Estelle Birnbaum, and the late Shirley Sculteure & Melvin Regal. Funeral arrangements by the Temple Israel, Sharon. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Hope Hospice, 2430 Diplomat Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL. 33909.

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GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS "BRIGHTEN WINTER WITH FLOWERS"

The Norwood Evening Garden Club will host a floral demonstration by Ronald Charles Wight on Tuesday, Feb. 26th, at the Carriage House behind the First Baptist Church, 71 Bond Street, Norwood, at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Wight, a classically trained horticulturist and floral designer, owns Silver & Sage Flowers in downtown Norwood, specializing in high-end floral designs at reasonable prices. Mr. Wight's work has been featured in Bride

magazine. All flower arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. The public is invited to attend for a small donation. Refreshments will be served. Parking is available on site. For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, contact Susan Pearson at 508-668-4039 or visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com

KIDS AGAINST PARENTS!

On Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m. Located at The Elks Hall in Norwood. This was such a hit last year, so we're bringing it back. Don't miss the action. Kids Against Parents: Who's Smarter than Whom? Gather your friends & form your teams. Bring snacks to share with your table. There

will be a panel of teachers to answer stumped questions. \$1.00 per question for extra help from the panel. Admission: \$10 per student, \$20 per adult: form tables of ten. Prizes for the top adult and top student team. If you would like to learn more about the Norwood PMA or the Norwood Music program, please visit them at www.norwoodpma.org or <http://www.norwood.k12.ma.us/subsite/nhs/page/fine-arts-department-997>.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The NRMC meeting for Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. will be sign-up time for Golf, Horseshoes and Bocce for the coming season. We are checking for this year's golf price. The others are pay as you go. Police

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Chief William Brooks, will be the guest speaker. All meetings are held at the Norwood Elks building. You don't have to be a Norwood resident to belong but you must be 60 or older and be retired or semi-retired.

THE NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Woman's Club will have their next meeting on March 12, at 12:30 p.m. Our program will feature Irish humorist and storyteller Patrick Hoye. He will provide fun-filled entertainment in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. We meet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall at 24 Berwick St., Norwood. A light lunch will be served. We welcome new members. You need not be a resident of Norwood to join. For more information please call Trina at 781-762-8173.

NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS 13TH ANNUAL EARLY CHILDHOOD FAIR

Rescheduled from Feb. 9, 2013, to March 2. We appreciate your assistance.

CAN DRIVE

On Saturday, March 23, at the Callahan School, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The Callahan School fifth graders are having a can drive. All proceeds go to The Callahan fifth grade yearbook. Donate your cans and bottles. You have any questions contact Pauline O'Brien at 781-492-9184 or lsdt@norwoodlight.

COME ON A PILGRIMAGE FOR LENT AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This year's Lenten program at Grace Episcopal Church is an invitation to come and join fellow pilgrims in a multimedia exploration of pilgrimage that will culminate on a jointly created pilgrimage during Holy Week in the town of Norwood. "Pilgrimage" might be a strange notion to our modern, practical minds. How many of us have walked to a distant holy place in order to draw nearer to God? Yet the pilgrimage experience is growing these days in various parts of the world, and the oldest and most celebrated is the Camino de Santiago in Spain. This unique Lenten series will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 at Grace Episcopal Church during the season of Lent: February 19, 26 and March 5, 12, and 19. All are welcome to attend. Our local pilgrimage experience is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

POST PROM PARTY BENEFIT

On Wednesday, March 13th, 7 p.m., Norwood High School Auditorium. Students \$5 adv, \$7 door, Adults \$8 adv, \$10 door. Teachers FREE-donations welcome. For tickets or more information contact Mrs. Kaplan: jkaplan@norwood.k12.ma.us. Sponsored by David's Bridal and Richard Lewis Formal Wear.

WCC THRIFT SHOP NOW OPEN

The WCC Thrift Shop, now

located at 1091 Washington Street, has resumed its normal business hours. On Wednesdays 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m., Thursdays 9:30a.m. to 3:00p.m., and Saturdays 9:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. Donations are accepted during regular retail hours as well as Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DRIVERS

Can you spare an hour once or twice a month to help out your neighbors in need? If so, the Norwood Food Pantry would like to talk to you. The pantry is looking for volunteers to deliver bags of groceries Saturday mornings between 9:30 and 10:30. These bags go to people with an illness or disability that prevents them from coming to the pantry to pick up the food themselves. The bags have already been prepared by other volunteers. The addresses are all in Norwood. And there are plenty of youth volunteers to help you load up your vehicle. "This is one volunteer opportunity that doesn't require a large time commitment," says Ruth Taeger, Executive Director of the pantry. "Deliveries hardly ever take over an hour. Yet they're vitally important - and deeply appreciated by all those folks who might not otherwise be able to get the food they so urgently need." If you think you might be able to help, please call Barbara at 781-762-7053 to volunteer or find out more. Or visit the pantry, which is located in the basement of Grace Episcopal Church at 150 Chapel Street, Saturday mornings between 8:20 and 11 a.m. to discuss the possibilities...or to make a donation of non-perishable food.

NPA-TV ANNOUNCES YOUTH VIDEO CLUB FOR BEGINNERS

Sign up for NPA-TV's Beginner Youth Video Club for Norwood Residents in Grades 6,7, &8. Beginner Youth Video Club Part I is for students who have not yet participated in Youth Video Club. It will start on Tuesday Feb. 26, and run until April 16th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at NPA-TV Studios located at Norwood High School. Registration will begin on Wednesday Feb. 6 at 10:00 a.m. and will close on Wednesday Feb. 20, at 4:00 p.m. or until the class has been filled. Class size is limited to 15 and no advanced registrations will be accepted. You can e-mail Meghan Corbett, Assistant Station Manager at Meghan@npatv.org or call NPA-TV at 781-551-0338 to sign up your child. Please visit our website at www.npatv.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with all of our programming news. NPA-TV's Channels are: Town Channel - Norwood Light Broadband channel 23, Comcast ch 8, or Verizon ch 35, School Channel - NLB ch 22, Comcast ch 12, or Verizon ch 34, Community Announcements Channel - NLB ch 24, Comcast ch 22, or Verizon ch 33, Website: www.npatv.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/npatv Twitter: www.twitter.com/npatv.

CLEVELAND SCHOOL ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The Cleveland School PTA is hosting its annual Trivia Night Fundraiser, on Friday March 1, at 7 p.m. Stump! Trivia is returning, and we have many great raffle and silent auction items available that night including sports tickets, youth sports registration fees, local restaurants, and regional attractions. Tickets are available, \$20 per person or book a table by 2/27 for \$175. For tickets, more information, or to donate, please contact Jayne Ford jayneford@verizon.net.

NORWOOD ADULT ESOL PROGRAM

State funded English as a second language program and our funding covers the following areas: Norwood, Stoughton, Sharon, Canton, Waltham, Walpole, & Dedham. Free ESOL Classes! Norwood Adult ESOL Program, 190 Vanderbilt Avenue Norwood, MA 02062. Call 781-769-5848 or email eborgenicht@bluehills.org Call to make an appointment to register.

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Legals

Public Hearing Notice Norwood Planning Board

Pursuant to Mass General Law 40A, Section 9 and Section 6.2.16.3 and 10.5 of the Norwood Zoning Bylaws, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:45 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street concerning the Special Permit and Site Plan Approval request for new signage at 185 Central Street (Map 1, Sheet 2, Lot 14). The owner/applicant is Dedham Savings, 55 Elm Street, Dedham, MA 02026. Plans of the new signage are on file in the Office of the Planning Board at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.
Debbie Holmwood, Clerk

Norwood Record, 2/21/13, 2/28/13

Public Hearing Notice Norwood Planning Board

Pursuant to Mass General Law 40A, Section 9 and Section 6.2.16.3 and 10.5 of the Norwood Zoning Bylaws, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street concerning the Special Permit and Site Plan Approval request for a free standing sign at 33 Broadway Street (Map 1, Sheet 6, Lot 15). The owner/applicant is Hedley Marks, DVM, 35 Gilmore Road, Wrentham, MA 02093. Plans of the new signage are on file in the Office of the Planning Board at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Debbie Holmwood, Clerk

Norwood Record, 2/21/13, 2/28/13

TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12** of the **Municipal Office Building** on **March 5, 2013 at 7:15 PM** on the request of **Dedham Medical Associates (Case # 13-07)** with respect to property located on **1177 Boston Providence Highway**, in a **M-Manufacturing District**.

The application requests:

This Application requests a **VARIANCE** under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow for more than one freestanding sign on premise of land. Pursuant to Section 6.2.15 (3)

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed Monday - Thursday between 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

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Library Events

"STORY OF STUFF" PARTY

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. for an evening of short films and discussion based on the inspirational "Story of Stuff" project by author Annie Leonard. The organization Together Yes, dedicated to promoting sustainability, will show 8 brief films narrated by Leonard and documenting what happens to the stuff we buy, where it comes from, what it costs in terms of economics and environment, and what we can do about it. After watching these informative documentaries, we will have a brief discussion and enjoy some light refreshments. Sign up for this free event at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

INTERGENERATIONAL PICTURE BOOK PROGRAM

The Morrill Memorial Library is conducting an intergenerational picture book program on Saturday, March 2 from 10-noon as part of a grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. This free event, "Making Poems into Stories on a Snowy Day," is being held in honor of the legendary children's author. Outreach Librarian and children's author Nancy Ling, along with author/illustrator Nancy Poydar, will teach the class how to create an illustrated storyboard from a poem. Interested participants of all ages should bring in a poem 16 lines or longer. The poem may be the person's own creation or that of a favorite author and it should tell a story. Each participant will take home a storyboard, or hardcover book, that he or she created. Class size is limited, so please stop by the library or

call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222 to register. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

FICTION TO FILM SERIES

The final movie in our "Fiction 2 Film" series—"Sideways"—will be shown on Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. Adapted from Rex Pickett's 2004 novel of the same name, this award-winning film follows Miles (Paul Giamatti), who is distressed about his lack of success as a novelist, and Jack (Thomas Haden Church), an equally undistinguished actor about to be married. In a last-ditch effort to sow their wild oats before the wedding, Jack and Miles take off on a road trip to California's wine country. Please sign up at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. We recommend that you read the book before we watch the film. Funding for the movie license is provided by the Friends of the Library, and complimentary popcorn is donated by Regal Cinema, Bellingham. The library is handicapped accessible.

HARPISTLIZARY

RODRIGUEZ TO PERFORM

Our Musical Sundays series continues on Sunday, March 10 at 3 p.m. when award-winning harpist Lizary Rodriguez will take you on a delightful musical journey through classic Europe, rhythmic Latin America, and the sizzling jazz sounds of the U.S. Ms. Rodriguez has toured with Grammy-nominated international harp ensemble HarpFusion, performing in Europe, Asia, and Latin America. She has won awards in several international music competitions including Cita di Padova in Italy and the International Music Tournament in Marseille, France. In addition, she has been awarded the Wedding Wire's Bride's Choice Award for the third year in a row and has appeared on the cover of the Boston Talent Magazine. Sign up for this free concert, made possible through the Library Endowment Fund, at either the Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

SILENCE OF THE BEES FILM AT LIBRARY

Together Yes, the organization dedicated to promoting sustainability, will show "The Silence of the Bees," the third film in a four-part series, on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Morrill Memorial Library. This award-winning documentary explores one of nature's most baffling mysteries: the disappearance of the honeybee. Join researchers as they scramble to discover why honeybees are dying in record numbers and how to stop the epidemic before it spreads further. Local beekeeper Gerry Canelli will be on hand to answer questions.

Sign up for this informative evening of film and discussion at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. Complimentary popcorn is provided by Regal Cinema, Bellingham. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

TUTORS NEEDED

Morrill Memorial Library will sponsor a training program for Literacy Volunteer Tutors beginning Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7 p.m.

The training will incorporate the methods and materials developed by Literacy Volunteers Of Massachusetts to teach English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). The workshop concentrates on teaching conversational skills, as well as reading and writing, to adults whose native language is not English. Topics covered will also include inter-cultural communication, survival skills, lesson planning and goal setting.

Volunteers are asked to make a commitment of tutoring an adult learner two hours a week for at least a year. Neither prior teaching experience nor knowledge of another language is required. However, volunteers must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must register for the workshop.

Please call 781-769-4599 for registration or further information.



O'Malley digs in!

Joe O'Malley (above) and the Norwood Fire Department targeted high risk areas in town that needed to have the hydrant/water supplies accessible for fire personnel. Risk areas included elderly housing complexes, nursing homes, apartment complexes and schools. The Norwood Fire Department always encourages our community to clear nearby hydrants. Last week's survey indicated that many neighborhood hydrants have been cleared. The NFD thanks you for your efforts in helping keep the community safe!

SENIOR NEWS

ALTERATIONS AND MENDING: Bring your alterations to the Senior Center on the first Monday of each month between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Please attach your name and telephone number to each garment.

BASIC COMPUTER COURSE: A four-part basic computer course is frequently offered to those who wish to learn how to use a computer. Sign-up at the front desk.

BINGO: Every Wednesday, from 1:00 to 3:00p.m.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Hellenic Health Care will be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month, at noon. Ellis Nursing Home will offer blood pressure screening on the second Wednesday of each month at noon. The Walpole VNA will now be doing blood pressure screening on the third Wednesday of the month at noon.

BOOK CLUB: The Book Club will be meeting on Monday, Feb. 25, at 10:00a.m.

BRIDGE: Our Bridge Club meets on Tuesdays at 9:15 and Thursdays at 9:30 in the Library. The Tuesday group has room for new players if you'd like to join them.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club meets each Wednesday at 1:00p.m. In the library/computer room. Computer users at all levels are invited to attend.

COUNCIL ON AGING: There will be no COA meeting in February. The next COA meeting will be Thursday, March 7th at 1:00p.m.

CRIBBAGE: Our seniors meet every Monday at 12:45p.m. to play cribbage.

DIABETES WORKSHOP: The Diabetes Workshop will meet on Thurs, Feb. 28th at 11:00a.m.

GLEE CLUB: The Glee Club meets on Tuesdays at 11:15a.m.

HISTORY TALK: The next History Talk will be on February 21st, at 1:00p.m. It will be an ongoing discussion of the War of 1812.

MINI FIX-IT SHOP: The workshop will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Please, no televisions.

PING PONG: Our ping-pong table is available for anyone to play. Just ask at the front desk.

SCRABBLE: Our Scrabble players meet in the library every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Come and join them for a game.

SHINE: Our SHINE Counselor, Carol, to help you with your medical insurance needs on Tuesdays from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

TRIAD: The Triad meeting this month will be on Monday, Feb. 25th at 1:00p.m.

WHIST: Whist players meet to play Whist on Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m., in the library. **WHIST PARTY:** Please note whist parties will be held on the 4th Friday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Lunch and a Movie: Friday, Feb. 28th, 1:00p.m. \$5.00 Hope Springs with Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones

PLEASE NOTE: THE TRIPS FOR MARCH AND APRIL HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION. March 15: Women of Ireland, Venus DeMilo, Swansea, MA, Transportation, Luncheon and show \$74.00 pp April 16: The Crooner & the Bombshell, Venus DeMilo, Swansea, MA, Transportation, Luncheon and show \$70.00 p.p.

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